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SPECIFICATION

ELECTRIC MOTOR CONTROL SYSTEM

5 TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to electric motor control systems.

BACKGROUND ART

As a velocity controller for induction motors,
10 constant-V/F-control-system inverters that control the ratio of output
voltage V to output frequency F to be constant have been widely utilized.
With regard to these inverters, when they are restarted, with electric
power being restored, after they have been stopped due to the occurrence
of instantaneous power failure, or when they are initiated under the
15 circumstances that an induction motor is coasting on external force while
the inverter is stopped, it is necessary to re-accelerate the coasting
induction motor in such a manner that the rotating frequency F of the
induction motor approximately coincides with the output frequency f of the
inverter. Accordingly, when the constant-V/F-control-system inverters are
20 initiated, it is necessary to learn the output frequency f of the inverter and
the rotating frequency F of the coasting induction motor; therefore, the
rotating frequency F has been obtained by providing a velocity detector
such as a tacho-generator, or by detecting residual voltage in the induction
motor and carrying out calculation base on its frequency components.

Moreover, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication 1991-3694 discloses induction motor controllers that realize the object of obtaining the rotating frequency F of a coasting induction motor, without requiring special induction motors equipped with a velocity detector such as a tacho-generator, or dedicated voltage detectors such as a voltage detecting transformer for detecting residual voltage of an induction motor.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication 1991-3694 discloses: when, with an induction motor being coasting, a dc current commanding signal is outputted from a current commanding section, output current from an inverter section is controlled by a control signal system, based on difference between the dc current commanding signal and a detected signal that is a detected value of the output current from the inverter section; in this situation, ripple components are produced in the control signal system; and, by means of extracting the ripple components, the rotating status of the coasting induction motor is learned.

In addition, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication 1991-3694 discloses (12th line from the first line in the bottom-right paragraph of page 7): reversing the output-current polarity of an inverter section by reversing the phase angle θ of the current command from 0 degree to 180 degrees in 10 ms after the detection of the rotating status of a coasting induction motor has started, the amplitudes of ripple components that superpose on a voltage command are significantly increased.

What Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication 1991-3694 discloses utilizes the fact that, because the control signal system undergoes a disturbance accompanied by steep current changes, by reversing the

polarity of current inputted to the coasting induction motor, in process of supplying the current, the amplitudes of the superposing ripple components increase. There is inconsistency in ripple amplification utilized for velocity detection, and, in particular, when the frequency is low, the ripple is significantly small; therefore, there has been a problem in that the rotating frequency F of the coasting induction motor cannot be detected with a high degree of accuracy.

The present invention solves the problem discussed above, and its prime object is to detect with a high degree of accuracy the rotating frequency F of the coasting induction motor, regardless of unevenness in the ripple amplification utilized for velocity detection.

DISCLOSURE OF INVENTION

There is provided an electric motor control system including:

a 2-phase/3-phase converting means for converting output current from an inverter section that inverts dc power to ac power into mutually perpendicular 2-phase signals that are a d-axis current component signal and a q-axis current component signal;

a current phase commanding means for outputting, in restarting after an instantaneous power failure being restored, mutually perpendicular 2-phase signals that are the d-axis current component commanding signal and the q-axis current component commanding signal, and a phase angle of the d-axis current component commanding signal and the q-axis current component commanding signal;

a d-axis current control means for amplifying a difference signal of

the d-axis current component, the difference signal of the d-axis current component being the difference between the d-axis current component commanding signal and the d-axis current component signal, and for outputting a d-axis component of a 2-phase-voltage command that controls
5 the output current from the inverter section in such a manner that the difference signal is zero;

a q-axis current control means for amplifying a difference signal of the q-axis current component, the difference signal of the q-axis current component being the difference between the q-axis current component
10 commanding signal and the q-axis current component signal, and for outputting a q-axis component of a 2-phase-voltage command that controls the output current from the inverter section in such a manner that the difference signal is zero;

an induction-motor-rotation-status detecting section for receiving the
15 d-axis component of the 2-phase-voltage command outputted from the d-axis current control means, and the q-axis component of the 2-phase-voltage command outputted from the q-axis current control means, and for calculating a rotating frequency and a rotating direction of a coasting induction motor; and

20 a phase-reversal-timing detecting means for detecting as a phase-reversal timing a specific phase at which an amplification factor of ripple components superposed on the d-axis component of the 2-phase voltage command outputted from the d-axis current control means is maximal. Because the current phase commanding means turns a
25 current-commanding phase by 180 degrees according to the specific phase

outputted from the phase-reversal-timing detecting means, the rotating frequency F of the coasting induction motor can be detected with a high degree of accuracy.

In restarting after an instantaneous power failure being restored, after the current control has been started and the effect of transient variation has been abated, the phase-reversal-timing detecting means detects a first maximal value, a first minimal value, and a second maximal value by comparing a value of the integration term of the d-axis component of the 2-phase-voltage command outputted from the d-axis current control means with its previous value, and then outputs a time at which the integration-term value of the d-axis component of the 2-phase-voltage command becomes below (the first minimal value + the second maximal value) / 2, as a first specific phase at which the current-commanding phase is turned by 180 degrees, to the current phase commanding means; therefore, the specific phase T01 can be detected without being affected by the rotating direction of a coasting induction motor.

After outputting the first specific phase, the phase-reversal-timing detecting means detects a first maximal value, a first minimal value, and a second maximal value by comparing a value of the integration term of the d-axis component of the 2-phase-voltage command outputted from the d-axis current control means with its previous value, and then outputs a time at which the integration-term value of the d-axis component of the 2-phase-voltage command has become the second maximal value, as a second specific phase at which the current-commanding phase is turned by 180 degrees, to the current phase commanding means; therefore, the

center line of the waveform of the q-axis component v_{qs}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command oscillates with respect to the zero axis; thus, the ripple frequency f_n can be precisely calculated even when the residual voltage remains large.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a view illustrating the configuration of an electric control system according to Embodiment 1 of the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a graph representing the relationship between the d-axis component i_{ds} of 2-phase current that a 3-phase/2-phase converting means 21 outputs and the ripple amplification factor.

Fig. 3 is a graph representing various waveforms according to Embodiment 1 of the present invention, the various waveforms relating to the calculation of a specific phase $T_{\theta 1}$ at which the ripple amplification factor is maximal.

Fig. 4 is a view illustrating the configuration of a current-phase commanding means 22 in an induction-motor-restart calculating section 20 according to Embodiment 1 of the present invention.

Fig. 5 is a graph representing various waveforms that relate to the calculation of a specific phase $T_{\theta 1}$ at which the ripple amplification factor is maximal in cases where large residual voltage remains.

Fig. 6 is a graph representing various waveforms according to Embodiment 2 of the present invention, the various waveforms relating to the calculation of specific phases $T_{\theta 1}$ and $T_{\theta 2}$ at which the ripple amplification factors are maximal in cases where large residual voltage

remains.

BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

Embodiment 1.

5 The configuration and the operation of an electric motor control system according to Embodiment 1 of the present invention will be discussed referring to Fig. 1. In Fig. 1, a rectifier circuit 1 converts 3-phase ac (alternating current) inputted from a 3-phase commercial power source 2 to dc (direct current), and the converted dc is smoothed by a main circuit
10 capacitor 3. An inverter section 4 is constituted from a switching element such as a transistor, and a feedback diode connected in parallel with the switching element; control signals from control circuitry 5 on-off control the switching element so that dc power is inverted into variable-frequency and variable-voltage ac power; and thereby an induction motor 6 is
15 variable-speed driven.

 In cases where the induction motor 6 that has been in a standstill is restarted, an acceleration/deceleration commanding device 7 sets an output frequency f as rotating velocity of the induction motor, and then 3-phase commercial power source 2 is turned on. A frequency switching
20 means 8 allows an output signal, either from the acceleration/deceleration commanding device 7 or from an induction motor rotation status detecting section 30 described later, to pass, and is ordinarily set over to the acceleration/deceleration commanding device 7 by a command signal from an instantaneous-power-failure detecting/restarting circuit 9. A
25 voltage/frequency converting means 10 outputs a voltage command V so

that the ratio of voltage to output frequency that is set by the acceleration/deceleration commanding device 7 is constant. An output switching means 11 allows an output signal, either from the voltage/frequency converting means 10 or from a 2-phase/3-phase converting means 34 described later, to pass, and is ordinarily set over to the acceleration/deceleration commanding device 10 by a command signal from the instantaneous-power-failure detecting/restarting circuit 9. In addition, after detecting an instantaneous power failure of the commercial power source 2, the instantaneous-power-failure detecting/restarting circuit 9 outputs a command signal to an induction-motor-restart calculating section 20 described later, in order to detect the rotating status of a coasting induction motor.

A PWM circuit 12 gradually accelerates over a predetermined time the induction motor 6 from zero to predetermined rotating velocity, by producing a PWM signal based on the voltage command V and on-off controlling the switching element in the inverter section 4, and by inverting dc power to variable-frequency and variable-voltage ac power.

Next, when the induction motor is restarted, with electric power being restored, after the electric motor control system has been stopped due to the occurrence of instantaneous power failure, or when the induction motor is initiated under the circumstances that it is coasting on external force while the electric motor control system is stopped, the induction-motor-restart calculating section 20 detects the rotating status of the coasting induction motor, the induction-motor-restart calculating section 20 being constituted from a 3-phase/2-phase converting means 21,

a current-phase commanding means 22, a d-axis-current comparison means 26, a q-axis-current comparison means 27, a d-axis-current control means 28, a q-axis-current control means 29, the induction-motor-rotation-status detecting section 30, and the 2-phase/3-phase converting means 34. The frequency switching means 8 is set over to the induction-motor-rotation-status detecting section 30 by a command signal from the instantaneous-power-failure detecting/restarting circuit 9, and the voltage/frequency converting means 10 outputs a voltage command V so that the ratio of voltage to rotating frequency F is constant, based on the rotating frequency F that is outputted by the induction-motor-rotation-status detecting section 30. The output switching means 11 is set over to the 2-phase/3-phase converting means 34 by a command signal from the instantaneous-power-failure detecting/restarting circuit 9 and allows an output signal from the 2-phase/3-phase converting means 34 to pass, while the induction-motor-rotation-status detecting section 30 calculates the rotating status of the coasting induction motor; and after the rotating status of the coasting induction motor has been detected, the output switching means 11 is set over to the voltage/frequency converting means 10 and outputs a voltage command V corresponding to the detected rotating frequency F. The PWM circuit 12 restarts the induction motor 6 from the detected rotating frequency F of the coasting induction motor, by producing a PWM signal based on the voltage command V; by on-off controlling the switching element in the inverter section 4; and by inverting dc power to ac power.

25 Detecting and processing the rotating status of the coasting induction

motor will be discussed below.

In the first place, the 3-phase/2-phase converting means 21 converts output currents i_u , i_v , and i_w from the inverter section, which are detected by a current detecting section 13, into 2-phase-current i_{ds} (d-axis component) and i_{qs} (q-axis component). When a command signal from the instantaneous-power-failure detecting/restarting circuit 9 is inputted, the current-phase commanding means 22 outputs 2-phase-current commands i_{ds}^* and i_{qs}^* , and a phase angle θ of the 2-phase-current commands i_{ds}^* and i_{qs}^* . The d-axis-current comparison means 26 compares the d-axis component i_{ds}^* of the 2-phase-current command that the current-phase commanding means 22 outputs with the d-axis component i_{ds} of the 2-phase current that the 3-phase/2-phase converting means 21 outputs, and then outputs the difference signal ($i_{ds}^* - i_{ds}$). The q-axis-current comparison means 27 compares the q-axis component i_{qs}^* of the 2-phase-current command that the current-phase commanding means 22 outputs with the q-axis component i_{qs} of the 2-phase current that the 3-phase/2-phase converting means 21 outputs, and then outputs the difference signal ($i_{qs}^* - i_{qs}$).

The d-axis-current control means 28 receives and amplifies the difference signal from the d-axis-current comparison means 26, and outputs the d-axis component v_{ds}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command for controlling the output current from the inverter section in such a manner that the difference signal is zero. The q-axis-current control means 29 receives and amplifies the difference signal from the q-axis-current comparison means 27, and outputs the q-axis component v_{qs}^* of the

2-phase-voltage command for controlling the output current from the inverter section in such a manner that the difference signal is zero.

The induction-motor-rotation-status detecting section 30 includes: a phase-reversal-timing detecting means 31 that detects phase-reversal timing based on the d-axis component v_{ds}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command outputted from the d-axis-current control means 28; a ripple detecting means 32 that receives the d-axis component v_{ds}^* and the q-axis component v_{qs}^* , of the 2-phase-voltage command, outputted from the d-axis-current control means 28 and the q-axis-current control means 29, respectively, and detects ripple components that are superposed on the d-axis component v_{ds}^* and the q-axis component v_{qs}^* , of the 2-phase-voltage command; and a rotating-frequency/direction calculating means 33 that calculates, based on the detected ripple components, the rotating frequency and rotating direction of the coasting induction motor.

The induction-motor-rotation-status detecting section 30 turns the phase of the current command by 180 degrees at a specific phase at which the ripple-component amplification factor is maximal, and calculates the rotating frequency F and rotating direction of the coasting induction motor. In addition, the 2-phase/3-phase converting means 34 receives the d-axis component v_{ds}^* and the q-axis component v_{qs}^* , of the 2-phase-voltage command, outputted from the d-axis-current control means 28 and the q-axis-current control means 29, respectively, and converts them into 3-phase-voltage commands v_u^* , v_v^* , and v_w^* .

In Fig. 2, at (a) is a waveform of the d-axis component i_{ds} of 2-phase current that the 3-phase/2-phase converting means 21 outputs, and at (b)

is a waveform of the ripple amplification factor that is the ratio of the ripple amplitude after the 180-degree phase reversal to the ripple amplitude before the 180-degree phase reversal. As represented in Fig. 2, the ripple factor is maximal at timing T01 when the d-axis component i_{ds} of 2-phase current is maximal.

Calculating the specific phase at which the ripple amplification factor is maximal will be discussed referring to Fig. 3. In Fig. 3, at (a) is a waveform of the d-axis component i_{ds} of the 2-phase current that the 3-phase/2-phase converting means outputs; at (b) is a waveform of the integration term of the d-axis component v_{ds}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command; at (c) is a waveform of the q-axis component i_{qs} of the 2-phase current that the 3-phase/2-phase converting means outputs; and at (d) is a waveform of the q-axis component v_{qs}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command. As represented in Fig. 3, the phase of the d-axis component v_{ds}^* of the 2-phase voltage command is 90-degrees before that of the d-axis component i_{ds} of the 2-phase current.

The specific phase T01, at which the ripple amplification factor is maximal, corresponds to the timing when the d-axis component i_{ds} of 2-phase current is maximal; in detecting the T01, the phase-reversal-timing detecting means 31 calculates it in the following manner, utilizing the integration term, which is readily detected without being affected by a rotating direction, of the d-axis component v_{ds}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command.

With the induction motor being initiated, in several milliseconds after the effect of transient variation has been abated, by comparing a value of

the integration term of the d-axis component v_{ds}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command outputted from the d-axis-current control means 28 with its previous value, the phase-reversal time $T_{\theta 1}$ as the specific phase, at which the ripple amplification factor is maximal, is calculated.

5 (1) The point when the previous value of the integration term of the d-axis component v_{ds}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command has become larger than the present value is taken to be the first maximal value $V1$.

10 (2) Then, the point when the previous value of the integration term of the d-axis component v_{ds}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command has become smaller than the present value is taken to be the first minimal value $V2$.

 (3) Following detection of $V2$, the point when the previous value of the integration term of the d-axis component v_{ds}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command has become larger than the present value is taken to be the second maximal value $V3$.

15 (4) The time $T_{\theta 1}$ at which, following detection of $V3$, the value of the integration term of the d-axis component v_{ds}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command has become under $(V2 + V3) / 2$ is taken to be the phase-reversal specific phase.

20 The reason why the ripple increases at this position is that the control system becomes more unstable because the abrupt change in the integration term of the d-axis component v_{ds}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command gives a large disturbance to the control system.

 Next, the operation of the current-phase commanding means 22 to reverse at $T_{\theta 1}$ the phase will be discussed referring to Fig. 4. In Fig. 4, the
25 current-phase commanding means 22 is constituted from a d-axis-current

commanding means 23, a q-axis-current commanding means 24, and a phase-angle generating means 25, and outputs the following commands when a command from the instantaneous-power-failure detecting/restarting circuit 9 is inputted:

5 (1) $t < T_{\theta 1}$

$ids^* = Ids$ (fixed value)

$iqs^* = 0$

$\theta = 0$

(2) $t > T_{\theta 1}$

10 $ids^* = Ids$ (fixed value)

$iqs^* = 0$

$\theta = 180^\circ$

where ids^* and iqs^* are 2-phase-current commands, and θ is a phase angle of the 2-phase-current commands ids^* and iqs^* ; and $T_{\theta 1}$ is the time at
15 which the ripple amplification factor, which is calculated by the phase-reversal-timing detecting means 31, is maximal.

As discussed above, in the electric motor control system according to Embodiment 1, turning the current-command phase by 180 degrees is carried out not at a fixed time, but at a specific phase at which the
20 amplification factor of the ripple components is maximal; therefore, the rotating frequency F of the coasting induction motor can be detected with a high degree of accuracy.

In addition, the specific phase $T_{\theta 1}$, at which the amplification factor of ripple components is maximal, is detected by utilizing the integration
25 term of the d-axis component vds^* of the 2-phase-voltage command;

therefore, the specific phase $T_{\theta 1}$ can be detected without being affected by the rotating direction of the coasting induction motor.

Embodiment 2.

5 In Fig. 5, at (a) is a waveform of the d-axis component i_{ds} of the 2-phase current that the 3-phase/2-phase converting means outputs; at (b) is a waveform of the integration term of the d-axis component v_{ds}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command; and at (c) is a waveform of the q-axis component v_{qs}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command.

10 As represented in Fig. 5 (b), when the phase is turned by 180 degrees at $T_{\theta 1}$ (the timing at which the integration term of v_{qs}^* has become below $(V_2 + V_3) / 2$) while the residual voltage remains large, the center line of the waveform of the q-axis component v_{qs}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command becomes off the zero axis, as represented in Fig. 5 (c), because
15 the ripple becomes too large.

The rotating status (rotating frequency F and rotating direction) of a coasting induction motor is calculated based on the frequency f_n of the ripple that superposes on the d-axis component v_{ds}^* and the q-axis component v_{qs}^* , of the 2-phase-voltage command.

20 If " $i_{qs}^* = 0$ " is given as a current command, the q-axis component v_{qs}^* of the 2-phase voltage command is of only an ac ripple whose average value is zero; therefore, in general, the ripple frequency f_n is obtained based on the q-axis component v_{qs}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command.

For this reason, as represented in Fig. 5 (c), when the center line of
25 the waveform of the q-axis component v_{qs}^* of the 2-phase-voltage

command becomes off the zero axis, the ripple frequency f_n cannot be precisely calculated.

In Embodiment 2, when the phase has been reversed by 180 degrees at the time $T_{\theta 1}$ while the residual voltage remains large, and the ripple
5 has become too large, the phase is secondarily reversed by 180 degrees at the time $T_{\theta 2}$.

The operation of secondarily reversing the phase by 180 degrees at the time $T_{\theta 2}$ will be discussed referring to Fig. 6. In Fig. 6, at (a) is a waveform of the d-axis component i_{ds} of the 2-phase current that the
10 3-phase/2-phase converting means outputs; at (b) is a waveform of the integration term of the d-axis component v_{ds}^* of the 2-phase voltage command; and at (c) is a waveform of the q-axis component v_{qs}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command.

The phase-reversal-timing detecting means 31 identifies the
15 waveform of the q-axis component v_{qs}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command outputted from the q-axis-current control means 29; the current-phase commanding means 22 implements reversing processing at the time $T_{\theta 1}$ (the timing at which the integration term of v_{qs}^* has become below $(V_2 + V_3) / 2$) calculated in such a manner as Embodiment 1; and then, in
20 consideration of the case where, as represented in Fig. 6 (b), the ripple becomes large, and as represented in Fig. 6 (c), the center line of the waveform of the q-axis component v_{qs}^* of the 2-phase voltage command becomes off the zero axis, the phase-reversal-timing detecting means 31 calculates the time $T_{\theta 2}$ as the secondary specific phase at which the phase
25 reverses.

(1) The values of the integration term of the d-axis component v_{ds}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command are compared between a previous value and a present value; the point at which the value of the previous integration term of the d-axis component v_{ds}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command has become larger than the present value is taken to be the first maximal value V_{11} of the second times.

(2) Thereafter, the point at which the value of the previous integration term of the d-axis component v_{ds}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command has become smaller than the present value is taken to be the first minimal value V_{12} of the second times.

(3) The point at which, following detection of V_{12} , the previous value of the integration term of the d-axis component v_{ds}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command has become larger than the present value is taken to be the second maximal value V_{13} of the second times; and the time $T_{\theta 2}$, at which the value of the integration term of the d-axis component v_{ds}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command has become V_{13} is taken to be the secondary phase-reversal timing.

Next, the current-phase commanding means 22 carries out at $T_{\theta 2}$ the secondary phase reversal.

As discussed above, in the electric motor control system according to Embodiment 2, even if the residual voltage remains large, because the second 180 degree turn is set to the time $T_{\theta 2}$, the center line of the waveform of the q-axis component v_{qs}^* of the 2-phase-voltage command oscillates with respect to the zero axis; therefore, the ripple frequency f_n can be precisely calculated even when the residual voltage remains large.

INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

As described above, the electric motor control systems according to the present invention can detect with a high degree of accuracy the
5 rotating status (rotating frequency F and rotating direction) of a coasting induction motor; therefore, they are suitable for applications in which an induction motor as a load coasts even when the power supply is cut off.